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RULES

AND

REGULATIONS

OF THE

OSGOODE CLUB,

ADOPTED AT A MEETING

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RULES AND REGULATIONS.

1. THAT this Association be composed of members of the Law Society of Upper Canada only.

2. That the Association shall be called and known by the name of "*The Osgoode Club*."

3. That the office bearers of the Club shall be, a President, and three Vice Presidents, who shall have taken a degree in the Law Society; a Secretary and Treasurer—all of whom shall be members of the Club.

4. That the President shall preside at all meetings of the Club at which he shall be present; in his absence the chair shall be taken by the Senior Vice President present; and in case neither the President, nor any of the Vice Presidents, shall be present, then the meeting shall be presided over by a Chairman *pro hac vice*, chosen by the Club.

5. That the Secretary of the Club shall be required to keep a register of the names of the members of the Club; to keep minutes of each of its meetings; to read the minutes of the preceding meeting at each meeting of the Club, and to announce the order of proceedings as it appears on the minutes.

6. That the Treasurer shall receive the fees or funds of the Club, and apply them as he shall be directed by

the Committee of Management ; and in case of the illness or absence of the Secretary, to perform his duties.

7. That the Secretary and four members of the Club, to be appointed annually—three of whom shall be a quorum—shall form a Committee for the management of the affairs of the Club, and for carrying into effect any Regulation or By-Law which may be made by the Club ; and shall render an annual statement of its finances. In case of the protracted illness or absence of any of the members of the Committee, the remaining members shall appoint another member of the Club to supply his place till the next annual election of officers.

8. That there shall be two Sessions of the Club in every year for the making and amending the Regulations, and transacting other necessary affairs and business of the Club—to commence on the second Monday in January, and the second Monday in July, respectively—to be known as the Winter and Summer Sessions, and which shall each continue for the space of one week.

9. That the President, or any two of the Vice Presidents, shall, on the requisition of five or more members of the Club, made to him or them in writing—direct the Secretary to summon a special meeting of the Club for transacting the business mentioned in the requisition.

10. That the election of all officers of the Club, except the Secretary, shall take place annually on the first evening of the Winter Session, and that the Secre-

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tary shall be elected on the first days of the Winter and Summer Sessions, respectively.

11. That during the Sessions no meetings for the usual exercises of the Club shall be held.

12. That the hour for opening all meetings of the Club, throughout the year, shall be 7 o'clock, P. M.

13. That the Club shall meet on every Monday throughout the year, except during the Sessions, when so many meetings, and on such days, shall be held, as may be determined at the meeting next preceding each Session, respectively.

14. That any member of the Law Society may become a member of the Club on producing the Treasurer's receipt for the subscription for the current half year to the Secretary, who shall thereupon enter his name on the register of the Club.

15. That every member of the Club shall pay to the Treasurer thereof, on or before the last day of every Session, a half yearly subscription of Ten Shillings.

16. That any member failing to pay his half yearly subscription during the Session, shall cease to be a member; and that it shall be the duty of the Treasurer, within one week after the termination of each Session, to notify the names of defaulters to the Secretary, who shall thereupon remove their names from the register of the Club.

17. That any member may withdraw himself from the Club by stating his desire to the Secretary, who



shall thereupon make a minute of it in the register of the Club, which shall be signed by such person, from which period he shall cease to be a member.

18. That all right of precedency, as between members of the Law Society who have taken a degree and those who have not, shall, as to this Club, be suspended.

19. That the usual exercises of the Club, after the reading of the minutes, save during Session, shall be as follows :

I. Motions and notices of motion.

II. Stated Exercises.

I. Reading of Essays.

II. Law Arguments.

I. Those appointed by Com. of selection.

II. Those fixed on motion.

III. Volunteer Exercises—in a similar manner.

20. The President and Vice Presidents, with such other members of the Club as they may choose, shall form a Committee for the selection of subjects for the second order of the day : which Committee shall, at each Session, form a syllabus of subjects for original essays and debates for the ensuing half year, to be inserted in the Case-book of the Club ; and that at each meeting the Secretary shall announce the subjects for the essay to be read, and the question to be discussed, at the second meeting thereafter ; that thereupon the President, or other presiding officer, shall appoint the person to read the essay, and two persons to argue on each side of the question for discussion. The Secre-



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tary shall then give copies of the several subjects to those so appointed.

21. That voluntary essays may be read by any member who shall have given one week's notice thereof.

22. That the meeting to be held in the first week of each month shall be open for the discussion of questions, appointed as provided in the succeeding rule.

23. That any member may, upon motion at the meeting held a fortnight previous to the open one, have such subject appointed for discussion as he may propose; that in case none shall be so appointed, then the presiding officer shall nominate one.

24. That the proposer of any subject for discussion at such open meeting shall, if it be adopted, have the right of naming his supporter, and shall be required to furnish four copies of the motion to the Secretary, for the use of the different parties. That the presiding officer shall nominate the persons to support the opposite side of such question.

25. That the leader on the affirmative side of the question shall commence the argument, to be followed by the leader of the negative—and so alternately for the other parties. The leader on the affirmative to have a general reply.

26. That all the votes of the Club for the election of officers, or other purposes, shall be given by ballot.

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27. That should any difference of opinion arise at any meeting upon the construction of these rules, the presiding officer shall decide.

28. That no By-Law, altering, amending, repealing, or in any manner affecting the foregoing Rules and Regulations, shall be made except at an ordinary or extraordinary Session, and of which proposed alteration two week's notice shall be required.

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